Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I beg to move that the S. O. 32 may be suspended and the Bill taken for consideration.

Deputy President: S. O. 32 is suspended.

Motion put and carried

Clauses 2 and 3 put and carried

Clause 1 put and carried

Title and Preamble put and carried

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I beg to move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed day after tomorrow.

Motion put and carried

Deputy President: We shall now take up resolutions

Resolutions

12. Marathakkara Diversion of the Manali River—Karuvannoor Flood Relief Scheme.—*(cont.)*

***Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* I wish to support this resolution. Sir, I listened with interest to the speech of the Hon'ble Member for Public Works and, if analysed, according to him, it would come to this that if this scheme is to be taken up, there should be another flood in that river. We will wait until there is another flood and then we will think of taking up this scheme. In effect that is what is disclosed by the analysis of his speech. I shall briefly explain what he said. He said that in 1099, there was a big flood. And, as a result of that, there was a lot of agitation and Government did some protective work. In 1104, there was another flood and the Government did some more work which was completed in 1106, and the Government is now watching the the results of that work to see whether they should do any other work. That is the next stage. This Marathakkara Diversion scheme is the next stage programmed by them for the Flood Prevention Scheme and also as an irrigation scheme. Now the Hon'ble Member for Public Works told us that he was waiting to see the result and I think in answer to one of the questions by one of the hon'ble members, the hon'ble member said that he wants to see how the water flows or how much water would flow through the river, so that he must finally decide whether he should take up the scheme. Now this brings me to the question, what exactly is this Marathakkara

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member

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Diversion Scheme. The Marathakkara river, it was stated, joins with Kurumali river which forms the Karuvannur river and the flood usually takes place in that river. The proposal is, a diversion may be effected in Marathakkara before it reaches the Kurumali and send the water to the sea without putting it to the necessity of taking a round-about course. The House is aware that the only way through which the water empties itself into the sea is through the Enamakkal gear. The surplus water would have to pass through that gear. If the river is diverted to Marathakkara, it will reach there in the course of three miles through Kanimangalam and if you allow the water to go through the same course, it will take nearly six to seven miles. So this is a short cut for sending this water to the sea, thereby relieving the pressure in the Kurumali river. That is the scheme which is contemplated by the fourth stage works of the scheme. Whether the steps taken so far will be sufficient to prevent another flood—that is the only possible test—can be said only by another flood; because the surplus water is not accumulated there. When it goes there, it is let out to the sea. And this scheme provides a short cut, by which instead of taking a round-about course, of seven miles, the course is reduced to two or three miles by means of the Enamakkal gear. Why should the Government wait to do this? I fail to see, unless it is absolutely unnecessary. To decide whether it is absolutely necessary or unnecessary, the flood alone can prove. So, I think the resolution ought to be for a flood and not requesting the Chief Engineer to take up the scheme itself. That is why I heartily support this measure. In any case it is bound to give some good results to prevent the flood. There is no doubt about that. It will provide irrigation for a very large area. Government is also decided upon that, and I think they have made provision. During the construction of the railways they have made ample provision for having a big bridge in the mouth of this canal. I do not think it is very difficult for the Government to take up the scheme. If I remember right, the Hon'ble Member for Public Works demands a lakh of rupees towards its cost. I don't think more than fifty to sixty thousand rupees will be required. Of course, I am subject to correction. Since it is an irrigation scheme, and since it is likely to reduce the pressure of water at that river, Government should immediately take up the scheme and should not wait any further. They waited for nine years and no further waiting will be of any use either to the Government or to the public. The only question is that they have no funds. My submission is that, if they have no other excuse, this is the best time for them to take up the irrigation scheme. Do not call it a Flood Prevention Scheme. Take it up

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immediately so that it may benefit a very large section of the public of that place.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Has the Irrigation Board of Trichur pointed out the necessity of attending to this Scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Was it referred to them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was not referred.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* After receipt of this resolution, was the matter referred to them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Of course, it was a fairly well-known scheme and it was not referred.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* On a point of information, Sir, അഞ്ചു ദിവാൻജിമാരുടെ അടുക്കൽ ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു സങ്കടങ്ങൾ ബോധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടില്ലേ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* My resolution is very simple and brief. It is for the protection of property and person of the poor agriculturists. All those who feel sympathy for humanity will support this resolution. I press it to a division.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I wish to make an explanation. This is a work which cost about one lakh of rupees, and I do not wish that this House will vote without knowing the actual implications involved and the actual necessity for this work. I have stated that the flood conditions in the Karuvannur area were very severe for many years and it was before the Government for not less than half a century. The Government took active steps to combat this flood from the year 1100 onwards up to 1106, during a period of six years. They have completed 80 to 90 per cent of the scheme formulated for this purpose. Then they waited to see what the effects of these improvements were. In this area where floods used to be of frequent occurrence once in every alternate year and they used to devastate and cause damages to the crops. For the last nine years, there has not been a single area in which crops have been damaged or bunds broken. I have been constantly asking the people, the ryots of the area, who used to be affected by these floods every year. I was generally informed that except in the year 1108, there was no area where crops were damaged. So we have every reason to suppose that the work so far done is sufficient for the purpose. In case we get severe floods

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hereafter continuously, then it is time for us to look forward to other schemes or to continue our programme of flood prevention. Till that, I do not think it is advisable for us to start any further work in this direction.

Resolution put and carried

M. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: A Poll, Sir.

Ayes

1. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon
2. Mrs. C. R. Iyyunni
3. Mr. C. V. Iyyu
4. Mr. Damodaran Nambiar
5. Mr. T. K. Nayar
6. Mr. M. K. Devassy
7. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan
8. Mr. K. R. Ramakrishnan
9. Mr. K. S. Panicker
10. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim
11. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon
12. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon
13. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty
14. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar
15. Mr. A. B. Salem
16. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni
17. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar
18. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
19. Mr. Kochukunjan Kaimal
20. Mr. Kunjan Namburipad
21. Mr. Ittiravi Nambooripad
22. Mr. Ashtamoorthi Nambooripad
23. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder
24. Mr. Walmsley
25. Mr. V. K. Kutty
26. Mr. K. S. Moni
27. Mr. K. P. Vallon

Noes

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar
Mr. K. Achyuta Menon
Dr. T. Verghese
Mr. M. Sivarama Menon
Mr. P. J. George
Mr. T. Narayana Menon
Mr. K. V. Menon
Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon
Rama Varmha Tampuran
Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon
Mr. M. Raman Menon

13. Providing Ambulances for the Hospitals in Ernakulam—and Trichur

മിസ്സിസ്സ് തങ്കമ്മ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: സർ, എന്റെ പ്രമേയം ഇതാണ് "*This Council recommends to the Government the immediate necessity of providing two Ambulances, one for the Ernakulam General Hospital and one for the Trichur Civil Maternity Hospital*" ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെപ്പറ്റി അധികമൊന്നും പറയണമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. കൊച്ചീരാജ്യത്തിലെ പ്രധാന പട്ടണമായ എറണാകുളത്തും തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരും ഉള്ള ആസ്പത്രികളിലേക്കു ഓരോ ആമ്പുലൻസ് കാർ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കേണ്ടതു ഏറ്റവും അത്യാവശ്യമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. ഈ രണ്ടു പട്ടണങ്ങളിലും ജന സംഖ്യ ദിവസംതോറും വർദ്ധിച്ചാണ് വരുന്നതു്. ജനസംഖ്യ വർദ്ധിക്കുന്തോറും ജനങ്ങൾ തിങ്ങിപ്പാർക്കുകനിമിത്തം പല അപകടങ്ങളും എപ്പോഴും ഉണ്ടായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുവാൻ ഇടയുള്ളതാണ്. ഇന്നലെ ഞാൻ ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽ നിന്നു് പോകുന്നവഴിക്കു അതികഠിനമായ പരുക്കുകൾ ഏറ്റിട്ടുള്ള ഒരാളെ നാലഞ്ചു ആളുകൾ കൂടി വെയിലത്തു ചുമന്നുകൊണ്ടു ആസ്പത്രിയിലേക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതായ ഒരു കാഴ്ചകണ്ടു. ആ രോഗിക്കു തന്റെ മുറിവുകളിൽനിന്നുള്ള വേദന സഹിക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്നതു കൂടാതെ ആളുകൾ എടുക്കുന്നതിലുള്ള അസഹ്യതകൂടി അനുഭവിക്കേണ്ടി വരുന്നതു" എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

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